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Dear Instructors,

Today, April 20, 2026, the Department of Justice (“Department”) published an [Interim Final Rule](#) revising the regulations for implementing [Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(“ADA”\)](#). The revision extends the compliance date for the requirements for web content and mobile application (“app”) accessibility for institutions the size of the University of Utah from April 24, 2026, to April 26, 2027. **In summary, the requirements have not changed; we just have more time to become compliant.**

We know that many of you have already put in considerable work to meet the requirements of the law. We deeply appreciate your efforts and understand that this took significant time and energy. Please know that your work was not in vain, and that it will support access of learning materials for all students on campus.

What should University of Utah instructors do now?

- Continue to update your Summer 2026, Fall 2026, and Spring 2027 course materials, websites, etc. to comply with [WCAG 2.1](#). Doing so increases the accessibility of learning materials for ALL students, regardless of whether they have documented disabilities.
- Comply with current federal law by supporting student accommodation requests from the [Center for Disability and Access](#).
- Note that all materials for Summer 2027 (and subsequent terms) will be required to comply with the WCAG 2.1 guidelines indicated in the law.
- Educate yourself about what the requirements entail. All resources, tutorials, and information about the requirements is available to instructors on CTE’s [Accessibility Essentials site](#).
- Utilize the [cidiLabs Tools](#) available in Canvas. These tools can help you spot potential problems with your materials and remedy them.
- If you need help, think ahead! After reviewing the resources on the [Accessibility Essentials site](#), if you still have questions, you can also set up individual appointments with CTE consultants or email Digital Learning at classhelp@utah.edu

If you have additional questions, please email cte@utah.edu.

Thank you for the hard work that you’ve already done and for the work you’re planning in the next year. We look forward to engaging with you.

Sincerely,

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